
Freeway advisory team meets this week

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The South Mountain Loop 202 Citizens Advisory Team meets this week to review technical reports in preparation for making a recommendation next month on a West Valley location for the proposed freeway.

The team meets from 5:30-9 p.m., Thursday, at the Learning Center Hall in the Komatke Community Center at 51st Avenue and St. Johns Road.

The team advises the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as it updates the 1988 route for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway.

By Feb. 2 the team will be asked to recommend one out of the five possible routes in the West Valley extending from about the western edge of South Mountain Park to Interstate 10, between 51st Avenue and Loop 101.

ADOT wants a decision on a western route for the freeway to eliminate uncertainty for developers and homeowners in the area. Depending on which route is recommended, between 120 and 780 homes and housing lots could be condemned.

No decision will be made for the Ahwatukee Foothills route until the end of the year at the earliest.

When constructed, the freeway will connect I-10 near Ahwatukee Foothills to I-10 in the West Valley.

The advisory team is made up of residents from all the communities affected by the freeway from Avondale to Ahwatukee Foothills.

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